

building by making use of a fixture; wherein said fixture is constructed such that said fixture comprises a main body which is designed to be entirely or partially contacted with the rear surface of a building board; engaging holes formed in the main body; a rising portion formed at one end in the longitudinal direction of the main body; an engaging region formed at or near said rising portion; an extension portion extending from the distal edge of said rising portion in a direction away from and parallel with said main body; and an engaging tongue formed at the other end in the longitudinal direction of the main body; wherein said engaging tongue is positioned and shaped such that said engaging tongue is inserted into said engaging region of the fixture attached to a neighboring building board as a couple of building boards each having the fixture attached to the rear surface thereof are positioned neighboring in vertical direction; and

wherein after a first building board to be disposed at a lower level is fastened at first to the framework of a building by taking advantage of the fixture attached to the rear surface of the building board, a second building board to be disposed over said first building board is placed along the upper horizontal edge of said first building board and fastened to the framework of a building by inserting the engaging tongue of the fixture attached to the rear surface of the second building board into the engaging region formed in the fixture of the first building board.

#### REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1, 2, and 12-17 contain allowable subject matter.